



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, September has been nationally recognized to bring awareness to sepsis, the body's life-threatening response to infection, which can lead to tissue damage, organ failure, and death; and

WHEREAS, according to the CDC, sepsis affects 1.7 million Americans and takes 350,000 adult lives every year in the United States - more than from prostate cancer, breast cancer, and opioid overdoses combined; and

WHEREAS, sepsis is the number one cost of hospitalization in the United States, with an estimated cost of \$62 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, sepsis survivors may have a shortened life expectancy and are more likely to suffer from impaired quality of life. They often experience after-effects such as amputations (an estimated 14,000 per year in the United States) and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder; and

WHEREAS, awareness of the signs and symptoms of sepsis along with rapid diagnosis and treatment of sepsis can save lives and improve outcomes for survivors, as the risk of mortality increases by 4-9% for every hour treatment is delayed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee do hereby proclaim September as

Sepsis Awareness Month

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this sixth day of September, 2022.

Bill Lee

Governor

Lee Hargett

Secretary of State